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will be supplied from the adjacent nullah. This will obviate the necessity of the troops bathing in view of the Married Soldiers' Quarters, as has hitherto been the case at North Barracks, a custom which has always been considered most objectionable.

JOHN JACK'S Dramatic Company are now in Hongkong, and will be here positively for ten days only, proceeding to Shanghai by the *Agamemnon*, in time to allow of their opening a season of several weeks there on the 1st proximo. They will give their first performance here to-morrow night, when "Our Boys," H. J. Byron's comedy of unparalleled popularity, will be produced. The notices given by all the Indian papers of this Company, especially as they appear in "Our Boys," attribute much greater merit to them as actors than has ever been asserted of any such Company travelling in the East. We look forward therefore to a great treat to-morrow night.

YESTERDAY afternoon, about 4 o'clock, a portion of the verandah of the house No. 109, Queen's Road East, fell to the ground but luckily without doing injury to any one. The amah and child had a narrow escape, however, as they had just a few minutes previously been seated on a sofa in that part which gave way. A few months ago the adjoining house was destroyed by fire and is now being repaired; it is believed that in removing the old woodwork and masonry for this purpose, which were tied into that of No. 109, the verandah was weakened, and its stability lessened. The bresummer is also much destroyed by white ants, but not sufficiently so to account for its giving way. All traffic on the road was stopped for about an hour as a considerable portion of the scaffolding of the house under repair, which was attached to the pillar which gave way, was also brought to the ground and blocked up the roadway. The remaining portion of the verandah is now shored up to prevent further accident. The house is occupied by Mr A. Blanchard, foreman blacksmith, in H.M.'s Naval Yard.

Dr. E. J. EITTEL thus writes to our morning contemporary of to-day's date:—My attention has been directed to a statement which appeared in a local paragraph of your issue of Monday, the 29th ultimo, to the effect that I had said that I hold the institution of domestic slavery to be not contrary to scripture. As his Lordship the Chief Justice, in the course of the judgment he delivered yesterday, appears to endorse this unfounded assertion, and refers also to some one said to be of opinion that domestic slavery as it exists here is not contrary to the Christian religion, I think it but due to myself to state emphatically that I never said any such thing. On the contrary, I always held and still hold that modern slavery, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, whether domestic or otherwise, is contrary, not only to scripture and to the Christian religion, but to that universal religion whose essence is the common fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. It is an entirely different question whether the condition of a servant girl in a respectable Chinese family can be called slavery.

THE German barque *Martha Brockleman*, which went ashore during the gale last week, has been got off the mud, (says the *Courier*), and was towed into Shanghai on the afternoon of the 8th ulto.

The *Courier* says that the U. S. *Richmond* is expected at Shanghai shortly, probably at the end of next week. She was to have left Yokohama to-day (4th) for that port. The *Palos* will also pay Shanghai a visit in a day or two. She left Chefoo after the *Monocacy*.

HEDDE & CO.'s Weekly Shipping Report: Pagoda Anchorage, 27th September.

Arrivals During the Week.—Sept. 22, *Douglas*, from Hongkong; 23, *Sir Lancelot*, from Hongkong; 25, *Nestor*, from Shanghai; 25, *Kwang Tung*, from Hongkong; 25, *White Adder*, from Shanghai; 26, *Hastig*, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—Sept. 20, *Sarpedon*, for London; 23, *Kerodon*, for Dunedin; 23, *Europe*, for Shanghai; 24, *Douglas*, for Hongkong; 25, *Hedwig*, for Tientsin; 25, *Korso*, for Amoy; 26, *Callie*, for London.

Shipping in Port.—*Cela*, *Lapwing*, *Sir Lancelot*, *Nestor*, *Kwang Tung*, *White Adder*, *Hastig*.

A CORRESPONDENT favours the *Shanghai News* as follows:—"I was very glad to see in a recent issue of the *North-China Daily News*, a note on the responsibility assumed by officials for natural convulsions, so that Mr Chaloner Alabaster's notes on Chinese Philosophy have not been altogether fruitless, but have set people on the right track. Ten years ago the note, instead of pointing out in singularly clear and felicitous language, as it does, the reason why the Emperor, Viceroy, &c., are considered accountable for earthquakes, droughts, famines, floods, &c., would have been confined to a remark on the utter absurdity of the Chinese and the hopelessness of attempting to deal reasonably with such an unreasonable people; whereas, when Chinese Philosophy is cleared from the rubbish which overlies it, it will be found that many of our most valuable discoveries in this field are identical with what they held at least three thousand years ago, and that there is a tendency in modern thought to accept as the truth what they declared ages before any Western had the remotest conception of it. The doctrine of the *Tai Chi*, and of the *Yin* and *Yang*, as misrepresented by missionaries and others, are, as they say, very absurd; but, understood, are singularly like the later teachings of Tyndall, Huxley and others."

THE China Merchants' Co.'s steamer *Ho-chung*, Captain Petersen, now on the berth to take emigrants to Honolulu from Whampoa, will (as, the *Shanghai Courier*) have her bunks put up at the latter port, as this can be done more economically than there at Shanghai. The emigrants, to the number of about four hundred, probably, will have ample accommodation and their comfort will be studied as much as possible. To permit of plenty of air circulating in the tween decks, eight new ventilators have been lately added; extra water tanks capable of holding 10,000 gallons have also been taken on board here. When the vessel gets to Whampoa, she will receive into her lower hold a supply of water-casks which, when they have served their purpose, can be sold to whalers at the port of destination. In addition, a patent condenser or distil-acetator by Messrs Chaplin & Co., of Glasgow, is fitted up on the main deck. This apparatus has been tested to condense 450 gallons of water per day, so that there will be no stint so far as the water is concerned. On the lower deck, forward of the fore hatch, there is a dispensary, sick bay, and a cabin for a Chinese doctor. Other special arrangements have been made to prevent, as far as possible, sickness. The bunkers and part of the hold contain six hundred tons of coal, as it is cheaper to get them at Shanghai than down south. The tween decks are being painted. This operation will be finished after the bunks have been put up. The trip from Whampoa to Honolulu, it is thought, will take from twenty-five days to a month.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The Aquatic Sports in connection with this above Club were continued this afternoon under similarly auspicious and favorable circumstances. There were seven events on the card; they consisted principally of Diving, and drew forth a fair complement of competitors. The weather was all that could be desired, the various contests were well sustained, and the meeting on the whole was a most enjoyable one. As on the first day, there was a goodly number of spectators.

The following are the results of the several events:—

1.—Header from Stage—First prize, value \$10; second prize, \$5.

Seven competitors came forward for this event, Messrs Blades, Bevis, Bunker, Falconer, Grimble, Shepherd, and Marks. Each man took three headers from a stage 18 ft. above the water. The score was decided as follows:

Grimble,	1
Falconer,	2
Bunker,	3

2.—Short Race, (Handicap).—One prize, value \$10.

This was a most exciting race, the length of the bath and back, eleven gentlemen started and were handicapped as follows:—

Page and *Hazelton* allowed 12 seconds, *Bevis*, *Angier*, and *Shepherd* 9, *Marks*, *Blades*, *Bunker* and *H. Sampson* 6, *Grimble* 3, and *Dunman* at scratch. When about three-fourths of the first lap *Blades* retired. On the return a very close run was made by *Dunman* and *Grimble*:

Dunman,	1
Grimble,	2
Hazelton,	3

3.—Running Header from Platform.—One prize, value \$10.

Six competitors presented themselves for this contest, which was a header taken from the platform on the outside of the bath. Some very artistic diving was displayed.

Falconer	1
Bunker	2

4.—Long Race, 8 lengths of the bath (handicap).—One prize, value \$10.

Ten gentlemen entered, and were handicapped as follows:—*Wilson* and *Page* allowed 55 seconds, *Wingrove*, *Blades*, *Marks*, *H. Sampson*, *Angier*, and *Shepherd* 40, *Bunker* 30, and *Dunman* at scratch.

A most exciting race ensued. Three competitors dropped out during the earlier laps. On the second length *Sampson* took the lead and retained it to the end, closely followed by *Dunman*, both shewing some beautiful swimming.

Sampson,	1
Dunman,	2
Marks,	3

5.—Plunge.—One prize, value \$10.

Six competitors came to the scratch:—

Messrs. *Blades*, *Bunker*, *Falconer*, *Grimble*, *Shepherd* and *Dunman*.

Grimble,	1
Bunker,	2

6.—Long Dive—First prize, value \$10; second prize, value \$5.

Five gentlemen presented themselves to compete for the long dive:—Messrs *Emanuel*, *Wodehouse*, *Bunker*, *Pacquoin* and *Shepherd*. *Emanuel* went nearly the entire length of the bath.

Emanuel,	1
Wodehouse,	2

7.—Consolation Handicap.—Two lengths of the bath—One prize, value \$10.

Only four gentlemen entered for this, the last event of the meeting:—*Messrs Hazelton* and *Wingrove*, allowed 5 seconds each, and *Angier* and *Gourdin*, at scratch.

This race was very well contested, ending in *Wingrove* coming in a winner.

Wingrove,	1
Hazelton,	2

Time 77 sec.

PAUL Boyton thinks he can safely go over Niagara Falls in one of his suits. After he gets married he'll probably make the attempt.

"Darling husband" she said, "am I not your 'treasure'?" "Certainly," he replied, "and I should like to lay you up in heaven."

They are bragging about the invention of a New York man who thinks he has placed the entire male sex under obligations to him. He has gotten up a patent corset with an automatic labor-saving hinging band attached to it. The bear of the period has only to touch a spring and the arrangement hangs the wearer to her entire satisfaction without his wasting any superfluous energy or mashing his cuffs. The next thing we shall hear of will be some new-fangled consolation lip salve for old men, which will pluck the lips like a six-horse-power kiss, and smell of tobacco, cloves and moustache wax.—S. F. News 27th.

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Police Intelligence. (Before O. V. Creagh Esq.)

Wednesday, Oct. 8.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Li Awa, 34, a coolie, was charged with being in unlawful possession of a bag of cotton this morning in Pottinger Street.

Defendant stated he was asked by a man to carry the bag to the Central Market. He did not know the man and could not find him now.

Sentenced—14 days' imprisonment with hard labor.

ASSAULT BY SOLDIERS.

J. Thompson, 23, and T. Rolston, 23, privates in H. M.'s 27th Regiment, were charged with assaulting Chau Tung Sun, in the Queen's R-Ad. on the 7th instant.

Fined \$1 each and to pay \$1 each amends to the complainant, in default seven days imprisonment each.

Fines and amends paid.

ASSAULT.

Chau Aping and Chau Atang, boatmen, Commissariat Department, were summoned by Lau Akwan, another boatman in the same employment.

It seems there was some dispute about some money which comp. a man's brother owed to defendants. Complainant had paid the money owing but declined to pay any interest; hence the assault.

First defendant denied having struck complainant; the second said he asked complainant for some money he owed him, but he would not pay him.

Ordered to enter into their personal recognisance in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

FALSE SCALES.

Kwok Ping Kong, and To Atab, were charged by Inspector Orley and were each fined \$10, and Kwok Fuk was fined \$25, for having false scales in their shops. In each case, the scales are to be confiscated.

MORE GAMBLING.

Chau Aping, 32, Tee Aman, 41, and Leung Achuk, were charged with public gambling at No. 9 Cheung Kang Lane, on the 8th inst.

M. I. Adams, Inspector of Nuisances, on passing through Cheung Kang Lane this morning, saw what appeared to be an empty house, No. 9; the door closed but not locked. On pushing it open, three men, the defendants, tried to escape by ladders on to the roof. The gambling table, cash and counters produced were found on the premises.

First defendant said he went there to cross, had to anchor. There were lying outside for the same reason the steamships *Tigre*, *Gwaltier*, *Loudoun Castle*, *Scindia* and *Glenearn*. The *Ajax* and *Viceroy* had only

succeeded in crossing on the previous tide,

the former after discharging a considerable portion of her cargo into lighters. Other vessels have since been similarly detained outside the bar; while, inside, the *Diamond* and other outward-bound steamers have been unable to get out of the river—at one time there having been delayed on both sides the bar not much less than 30,000 tons of shipping. Such an "experience" as this has never been met with before, and we hope will lead to some immediate and determined action; but we fear we hope in vain, for it does not yet appear who will set the example of earnest movement even in so important a matter.

HANKOW.

22nd Sept.

There is very little of interest in these parts at present. The examinations have commenced, the Funtai having on the 21st entered the hall, where he has to remain until the result of the competition is arrived at. The city of Wuchang is full of the competitors and their friends, who make walks over there attended with a certain risk for the next month. It is strange that all over the world the student class should be so prone to riot, and that the pursuit of literature and philosophy should be attended, apparently invariably, by a disregard of common propriety; and more especially that this state of things should be allowed to continue in China, where so much importance is attached to education.

Defendants were convicted of being rogues and vagabonds, and sentenced, first and third to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labor, the second to 17 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Ip Atong, 25, a coolie, was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of dyed silk.

C. 128, Lam a Kau, said he met the prisoner in Queen's Road West yesterday at 4 p.m., with the bark in his possession. Knowing that he had been in prison before, he questioned him as to how he came by it. He said he found it in the street. Witness had failed to find an owner for the wood.

Defendant says he got the wood from a coolie in the street; he does not know his name nor where to find him; he does not want to look for him.

Prisoner admitted three previous convictions for larceny and one as a rogue and vagabond.

Fined \$10, in default three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

SELLING OPIUM WITHOUT A LICENCE.

Chan Akin, 40, a married woman, was charged with selling prepared opium on the 7th inst., without a licence from the opium farmer.

Defendant admitted the charge and said her husband went away and left her without any money, so she supplied opium to the people in the house.

Fined \$60, in default six weeks' imprisonment, the opium vessels, and half the fine, if paid, to go to the opium farmer.

Prisoner went to gaol.

Marine Court.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq., R.N.)

Wednesday, October 8.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

W. Dynan, J. Henesy, J. Martin, J. Fletcher, W. Baines and G. Cameron, seamen of the British-barque *Hariton*, were charged with refusal of duty on board, in Victoria Harbour, on the 7th instant.

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